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# 2009 Annual Report of the Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation

Truman Scholars Selected: In 2009, the Foundation selected 60 Truman Scholars. They received their awards on May 31 in a ceremony at the Truman Library in Independence, Missouri. The new Scholars come from 55 different colleges and universities including five service academies and thirty-six public institutions.

In its 30 years of operation, the Foundation has selected 2,670 Truman Scholars from more than five hundred institutions of higher education.

To date, \$49 mil has been awarded in scholarship support.

**Truman Scholarship Honor Institutions**: This year two institutions were named Honor Institutions by the Foundation: University of Iowa and University of Missouri.

Trumans win other national awards: Truman Scholars were successful in other national fellowship competitions held in 2009. Three Truman Scholars were chosen as Marshall Scholars:2008 Trumans Kurt Herzer (NY) and Kelly Zahalka (VA) and 2007 Truman Kuong Ly (MA). Three Truman Scholars were chosen as Rhodes Scholars: 2008 Truman Alia Whitney-Johnson (NC) and 2007 Trumans Scott Moore (KY) and Shadrack White (MI).

The Joseph E. Stevens, Jr. Public Service Award. This honor is granted annually to a Truman Scholar attorney who has made significant contributions in the public sector. The 2009 recipient of the award was 1989 Truman Catherine Sheehan Bruno (DC). Justice Clarence Thomas presented the award in a ceremony in June at the U.S. Supreme Court.

#### The Truman Scholars Leadership Week (TSLW):

The event was held at William Jewell College in Liberty, MO, May 25-31. This annual event enables the new Scholars to form a community, to gain more perspectives on public service, and to learn of the many opportunities associated with being a Truman Scholar. TSLW '09 was conducted by a staff of veteran Truman Scholars under the direction of Executive Secretary Fred Slabach.

**Staats Award Recipient**: David Gartner, a 1991 Truman Scholar, received the 2009 Elmer B. Staats Award for service to the Foundation and leadership in public service. The award was presented at TSLW '09.

Summer Institute: The Truman Scholars Washington Summer Institute took place June 2-July 31. Fifty-seven Scholars attended workshops and seminars. They completed ten-week public service internships. Agencies and offices providing internships included: DC Public Schools, State Department, US Public Service Academy, Teaching for Change, Department of Transportation, USDA, World Bank Inspection Panel, The Center for American Progress, Department of Health & Human Services, and the Alliance to End Hunger. The George Washington University provided housing.

Support provided: The Executive Secretary and Deputy Executive Secretary provided on-site technical assistance to institutions to help them be more successful in the Truman and other national fellowships competitions and to help them develop a process that benefits all students, regardless of the outcome. The Executive Secretary and the Deputy Executive Secretary addressed the biennial meeting of the National Association of Fellowships Advisors attended by representatives of about two hundred institutions.

## Selected statistics on the 2009 Truman Scholarship competition

- 601 nominations submitted by 289 institutions
- 60 Truman Scholars selected from 55 universities and colleges
- 9 2010 Truman Scholars attend one of America's 50 largest universities
- 13 attend a small college (undergraduate enrollment less than 2,000 students)

### FY 2008 and FY 2009 Financials

	FY 2008	FY 2009
Income:		
Interest	\$2,392,392	\$2,496,838
Income		
Appropriation	\$0	\$500,000
Total Income:	\$2,392,392	\$2,996,838
Expenses:		
Scholarship	\$1,967,795	\$1,939,129
Awards &		
Programming		
Rent, Salaries &	\$779,158	\$819,121
Overhead		
Total	\$2,746,953	\$2,758,250
Payments:		
Total	\$47,229,577	\$48,771,734
Scholarship		
Support Paid		
Since 1977		